



Oil Pad Complex
Southern Area Type 2 Incident
Management Team
Sunday, June 19, 2011 8:00 PM
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Fire Information:

Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

<http://www.nps.gov/bicy/naturescience/oil-pad-fire-complex.htm>

www.inciweb.org

Current Status	<p>The Oil Pad Complex is comprised of several fires caused by lightning burning in Big Cypress National Preserve located in Southwest Florida. The fires have burned a total of 10,510 acres of various Preserve habitats which include Pinelands, Sawgrass Prairie, Hardwood Hammocks, Cypress Domes and Strands. Overall containment of the fires is 50 percent.</p> <p>In addition, a new fire, the Little Fire, was reported today a quarter mile west of the Corral Fire. Firefighters are using low impact fire suppression tactics to protect sensitive animals such as endangered Florida Panthers and threatened Red-Cockaded Woodpeckers. Although rain fell on all fires they continue to burn. No fire perimeter growth occurred on any of the previously detected fires.</p>
Planned Events	<p>Planned events for Monday include monitoring by air, gathering fire intelligence and continuing low impact fire suppression techniques to keep fires within their current perimeters. Firefighters will be transported by swamp buggies and, when needed, by helicopter to attack fires in remote locations. Swamp buggies are high clearance vehicles with large tires that provide access to remote areas of Big Cypress National Preserve.</p>

Fire	Estimated acreage	Percent Containment	Start Date
Oil Pad	3,149	50	June 13
North	5,878	50	June 13
Bundschu South	1,391	50	June 13
Kissimmee Billie	25	50	June 13
Corral	61	50	June 16
Green	5	0	June 17
Little	1	50	June 19

Number of Personnel	154
Equipment	Two large, one medium and one small helicopters, five engines.
Cooperators	Florida Div. of Forestry, Seminole Tribe of Fla. and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.
Restrictions and Closures	Access to Concho Billie, Windmill Tram, and Burns Lake is closed to all backcountry activity. A 60-day recreational ORV closure throughout the preserve remains in effect. In addition, Bear Island access from US29 and all access points from Turner River are closed to all backcountry activity including hiking and biking.
Fire Weather	Partly cloudy with increasing cloudiness and 30% chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Temperatures will be hot from 96 to 99 and humidity of 38 to 42 percent. Winds will come from the southeast 5 to 8 mph. East and west coast sea breezes are expected with winds becoming southwesterly at 10 mph.

